

Worker falls from ladder

While performing the regular maintenance on a portable crusher, a worker was attempting to climb off the crusher down a ladder. When he reached the bottom step, his foot became entangled in the step causing him to turn his body and fall down injuring his knee and inflicting bruising and cuts.

Falls are a major cause of fatalities in the extractives sector, both in New Zealand and internationally. Of the now eight fatalities in the extractives sector since 2011, five of them were a result of falls.



Recent research from Australia, which covered extractives industry fatalities from 16 countries world-wide identified that 34% of fatalities are a result of falls, with objects falling on people being the dominant cause.

You need to ensure that:

- **Risk assessments/Take Fives are conducted before any non-standard task is undertaken to identify potential hazards.**
- **Procedures include the use of three points of contact at all times on ladders.**
- **Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify hazardous work areas including access and egress to equipment.**
- **Adequate time and resources are provided for all tasks, particularly where workers are exposed to fall hazards to lift potentially heavy objects.**

Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

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